

# DISCLOSURE DIVISION

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- ☒ WAIVER REQUEST  
☐ ANSWER  
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST  
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 10/1/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-859

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
Disclosure Division

## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Ms. Jasmyne McConnell  
Address: 183 Woodmont Drive, Monroe, LA 71203  
Office/Position: Southside Economic Development District  
# of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 4  
Years Covered: 2018-2020  
Final Report: No

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019  
Report ID: PFD21007388  
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020  
NOD Received: 4/15/2021  
NOD Signed by: Agent: Mail Carrier signed as C-19\*(for Covid-19)  
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 4/26/2021  
PFD/Answer Filed: 5/14/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$900  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 18  
Total days late from initial due date: 312  
Late Fee Order Received: 4/30/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 8/19/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 8/16/2021

## COMMENTS:

Jasmyne McConnell is requesting a Waiver for the late filing of her 2019 Annual PFD. Ms. McConnell stated she was appointed to the Southside Economic Development District (SEDD) Board in 2018, and had never occupied a seat on a board that required a financial disclosure. In an effort to submit them timely, the SEDD Board executive director submitted the PFD's on behalf of all board members. She did not realize that it was for the 2018 filing year. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the board was unable to make quorum, and was unable to hold regular meetings during most of 2020. She was unaware that she needed to file the 2019 and 2020 disclosures. She stated due to Covid-19, certified mail no longer requires a signature, and she did not get the NOD-FF until her husband gave it to her -a week after the received date was written on the Green Card. She then contacted the BOE and was explained the filing processing and filing timeframes. Ms. McConnell stated this was an honest mistake and asks the Ethics Board for their consideration in waiving her fine.

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

**August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**To whom it may concern:**

**I am requesting a waiver for the late fee.**

**I was appointed to the SEDD board in 2018, prior to that time, I had never occupied a seat on a board that required submission of financial disclosures. 2019 was the first year I was required to submit a disclosure. In an effort to submit them timely, we completed the disclosures at a regular meeting and the executive director mailed them for all of the board members. I did not realize that it was for the previous year and was under the impression that I had timely filed my 2019 financial disclosure in the year of 2019 along with the rest of the commissioners that sit on the Southside Economic Development District board. It was not until I was notified through a letter in the mail by the Louisiana Board of Ethics that I had not filed, and a follow up call with the Board, that I understood the filing timeline.**

**Furthermore, due to COVID and being unable to make quorum, the board was unable to hold regular meetings during most of 2020, so I was unaware of the need to file in 2020.**

**As previously stated, as soon as I received the letter from the Board of Ethics in the mail, I called the board and discussed the timeline and why I was confused about the letter. It was then explained that you file a year later, which is why 2019 was late. I also explained that I had not actually received the letter until a week after the date shown on the green slip. Due to COVID, certified mail no longer requires a signature, so I was unaware of the letter until it was brought to my attention by my husband.**

**Upon receiving the letter, and after the follow up call to the Board, I immediately filled out the financial statement and submitted disclosures for both, 2019 and 2020.**

**It was an honest mistake and I ask for consideration to have the late fee waived.**

**Sincerely,**

*Jasmyne McConnell*

**Jasmyne McConnell**

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**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 13, 2021

Jasmyne McConnell  
183 Woodmont Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

**RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE**

**Statement covering 2019 (originally due on July 6, 2020)  
Southside Economic Development District**

Dear Ms. McConnell:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

**You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice** to file your Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2019, which was originally due on July 6, 2020, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$50 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; commercial delivery service; fax, upload, or electronic filing confirmation date stamp.

The form for the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 417) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at [www.ethics.la.gov](http://www.ethics.la.gov). If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

Lisa Ford  
Program Compliance Officer

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

**ETHICS BOARD REC'D**  
**APR 19 '21 PM3:05**

Jasmyne McConnell  
183 Woodmont Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203



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2. Article Number (Transfer from service label)

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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

- A. Signature **X** **C-19**
- B. Received by (Printed Name) **4-15-21**
- C. Date of Delivery
- D. Is delivery address different from item 1? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
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# FAX

**Date:** 8/16/2021

**Time:** 12:07:18 PM

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**To:** Louisiana Board of Ethics

**From:** Jasmyne McConnell

**Email:** info@cajuntitle.com

**Fax:** 12253817271

**Fax:** 318-516-3185

**Subject:** PFD21007388

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## Urgent!

**Comments:**

Request a waiver



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